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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5,9,11 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,6-8,10,12,14-17,19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07/22/04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. Applicant's prior art citation filed January 29, 2004 has been received, considered and placed of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 18 is vague and indefinite because "coupling the first pressure washing wand to a liquid storage tank; coupling the second pressure washing wand to a pump" renders the claim unclear. According to previous claims, "the second wand couples to the storage tank and the first wand couples to the pump". Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 4-5, 9, 11, 13, 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wemmer (U.S. Patent No. 4,341,350).

Wemmer teaches a pressure washing system comprising a pump (14) operable to produce a flow of a first liquid, and operable connected with a storage tank to store a second liquid (27) and to pressurize the second liquid within the storage tank to produce a flow of second fluid from the storage tank. The pressure washing system includes a wand assembly (see Fig. 1 and 2) coupled to the pump and to the storage tank, wherein the wand assembly is adapted to produce a spray of first liquid and a spray of second liquid that is directed towards the spray of first liquid (see Fig. 2). The wand assembly comprises of a first wand (19) coupled to the pump, a second wand (a low pressure wand) (30) secured to the first wand and coupled to the storage tank, wherein the first wand is operable to control the flow of the first liquid from the pump to the first wand via a valve (18) and the second wand is operable to control the flow of the second liquid from the storage tank to the second wand (see Fig. 1). The second wand also includes an isolation valve (36) operable to establish or secure the flow of second liquid through the second wand. (see Fig. 1).

The wand assembly is securable in fluid communication with the storage tank and a pump, wherein the wand assembly is operable to direct pressurize liquid from the storage tank to a high pressure spray of liquid produced from the pressure washer wand (see Fig. 1). The wand assembly further comprises at least one bracket (34) to secure the wand assembly to the pressure washer wand and/or to secure the first pressure washing wand to a second pressure washing wand. Methods follow by apparatus.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-3, 6-8, 10, 12, 14-17, 19-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thach H Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-4898. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30-4 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel can be reached on 571-272-4919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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